

**ACCELERATOR FREE LATEX FORMULATIONS, METHODS OF
MAKING SAME AND ARTICLES MADE FROM SAME**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

10 The present invention is directed to methods of
making natural or synthetic latex articles without the use of
accelerators, thiurams or carbamates. The method includes making
an elastomeric material by mixing a base polymer containing
15 carboxylate groups with a carboxylic acid or derivative thereof, a
divalent or trivalent metal, an amine or amino compound, and a
neutralizing agent. The elastomeric material is formed into a latex
article. The present invention is also directed to a latex article
made according to this method. The latex article does not contain
any accelerators, thiurams or carbamates.

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